

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, June 16, 2008 at 4:30pm at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Mary Nauman and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council members Gerald Thomas and Ann Hunt were also present. Also in attendance, were Mayor John Dennis and City Attorney Eric Burns. Park Board member Karen Springer, Council member Gerry Keen and Lee Booth were absent.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:32pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Noted invitations to America in Bloom in folders – please R.S.V.P. to Lynn Layden.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Reported rain has caused some of the softball games to be rescheduled, with Coed having four of those games. The Men's league was able to extend their schedule by two days.
- Passed pool photos around, one showing the entrance area with planters, noting this was necessary due to the new fence. The other photo is of the new pool sign located on the west side of the building.
- Pennie distributed a report showing the first twenty-one days of operation for the pool for the past three years. Information indicates single admission is down slightly, possibly due the inclement weather this spring.
- To date, \$10,000 has been raised for this year's Global Fest, leaving us approximately \$2,000 short of the necessary budget.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspection reports available.
- The parking lots in Happy Hollow Park, Cumberland Park, and the parking lot and a portion of the trail in Trailhead Park were sealed.
- The vehicle and walk bridges in Happy Hollow Park were painted.
- Routine grounds maintenance underway.
- Performed quite a bit of storm damage clean up.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The pool walkway painted by Katherine Pechin's Happy Hollow elementary school students has been well received. The pool patrons are using the newly painted walk. We have had many compliments on the pool renovations.

- The pool season began slowly with cool, wet weather. The Splash Bash opening was postponed until Saturday, but the pool is going strong now. Swim lessons began on June 9. Several of the lessons are filled.
- Girls and Boys basketball camps were held the first week of June. Forty-nine girls participated in Jane Schott's camp. Fifty-seven boys participated in Dave Wood's camp. Regena Scott coached forty-five girls in her volleyball camp that was held last week. Rick Roseman had thirteen children participate in his wrestling camp.
- Tonight, Soccer camp begins at the W.L. athletic complex at 5:30pm.
- Tennis lessons are underway at both Cumberland and Happy Hollow School courts. W.L. High School head coach Tim Wright coordinates the tennis program. Tennis lessons are offered for children and adults.
- The playground programs at Cumberland and Burtsfield Schools are just completing the first session. Both programs are filled, as well as the next session.
- The annual Kiddie Carnival will be held in Cumberland School on Monday, July 7 from 6-8pm. The City Council was given a preview at their June meeting. Each councilperson was given a carnival prize as they were told about the Parks & Recreation department.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- Attended the State Farm Health Fair on June 4 that was held over employee lunch hours. Approximately 100 of the 600 employees visited the exhibits. I handed out recreation summer brochures as well as the Parks trail maps.
- The submitted applications from artists for Art on the Wabash have been reviewed and the representative slides of the artwork have been juried. Out of 47 entries, 36 were accepted. The date for the event is Sunday, September 14.
- Conversations have been ongoing between Morton and River City Fencing and Morton and Purdue Speech and Language Department to help coordinate carpet cleaning dates and move in dates.

Old Business

Nighthawk Trail Realignment

Joe reported the item was kept on the agenda, and that we have not had a response back from Aldi in approximately three weeks.

New Business

BPR 1-08

Joe presented BPR 1-08 that allows the Park Board to enter into agreement with the Redevelopment Commission to work with the Purdue Research Foundation regarding the old Burnham's site. Mike motioned to approve the proposal to enter into agreement with the Redevelopment Commission as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – No Report

Wabash River

Mike reported the consultant is in town and currently working on the Master Plan.
Joe reported he attended the Wabash River Parkway Commission meeting last Thursday.
Paula reported Riverfest, a nice little festival for the community, is July 12.

Other

Duck Race

Joe reported he has received word that the Annual Duck Race is interested in coming back to Tapawingo Park in 2009.

Paula reported as of July 1, she will no longer be working at the Lafayette-West Lafayette Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Following the meeting, the Mayor announced they met with the county this morning, and the county has agreed to build a bridge over the Celery Bog to alleviate the problems with Lindberg Road.

Presiding Officer

Secretary